



October 3, 2018

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
Council President, Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Endorsement of Lafayette Park Bridge Home Site (Item No: 18-0392)**

Dear Council President Wesson,

On behalf of Kheir Center, an organization proudly serving the Korean American community for over 30 years, we write to express our full support for building the Bridge Home on the tennis courts at Lafayette Park, near Wilshire Blvd. and Hoover Street.

Kheir Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit service agency that provides culturally and linguistically sensitive health care & human services to the uninsured & underserved residents of Southern California. Located in the heart of Koreatown, Kheir serves a diverse population that is 97% low-income. We understand firsthand the significant need for bridge housing in the area; Kheir saw a dramatic increase in its number of homeless patients after the 2008-2009 financial crash, and we serve more than 600 homeless patients every year. We take a holistic approach to health care and recognize that safe, adequate housing is a crucial element in many health indicators.

We see this as an exciting opportunity for diverse actors to collaborate and produce high-quality physical and wrap around services for the proposed Bridge Home. The Korean American community is ready to contribute towards making the Lafayette Park site an exemplary bridge housing facility that can be a model for the City of Los Angeles and beyond.

Kheir Center welcomes this action of a potential Bridge Home to provide housing and services to our community's homeless population. We respectfully request that the City approve the selection of the tennis courts at Lafayette Park as a Bridge Home and to continue to work with the Korean American community to ensure its success. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin K. Pak  
CEO